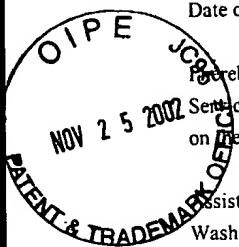


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REMARKS

Claims 17 – 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,990,000 ("Hong") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,030,881 ("Papasouliotis"). A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. The rejections are respectfully traversed. An Appendix is provided setting forth the currently pending claims.

1. Background

The pending application is a divisional application of U.S. Pat. No. 6,335,288 and the claims are computer-related apparatus claims that approximately correspond to the method claims allowed in the parent application. Independent claims 17 and 20 both recite a computer-